REMARKS

Claims 1 to 12 stand allowed in the application.

As a result of the foregoing Amendment, a minor correction was carried out in claim 12. Specifically, claim 12 has been amended to correctly set forth the alternative which was taken out of claim 2. Accordingly, claim 2 is now directed to a feature according to which the flap is pivotally mounted in the feeding area, while claim 12 is directed to the feature according to which the flap is slideably mounted in the feeding area.

In view of the minor nature of this correction, allowance of this amendment is respectfully requested.

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